

REMARKS

Claims 28-36 remain in this application. Claims 1-27 were previously canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

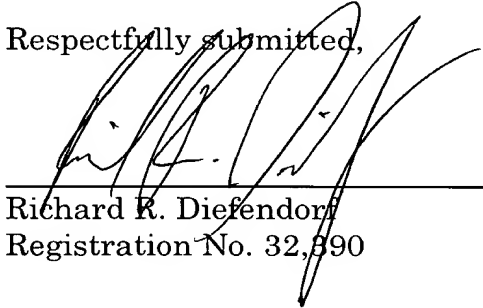
Independent claim 36 is rejected, along with claim 35, as being unpatentable over newly applied Japanese publication 57-116623 in view of U.S. Patent 5,225,264 to Kato et al. Reconsideration is requested. The Kato et al. patent discloses no cutting edge or cutting edge movement, and nothing in the figures or the English language summary of the newly applied Japanese publication suggests that sealing is provided between a front edge of the thin sheet 2 and either of the cutting parts 11. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the Japanese publication and the Kato et al. patent, taken as a whole, do not suggest a covering or trim part making method comprising, in addition to other operations, closing a mold, thereby moving a cutting edge and providing sealing between the cutting edge and a front edge of a decorative part formed by shearing off an outer decorative part edge, as currently amended claim 36 defines.

U.S. Patent 4,369,157 to Conner is additionally relied on, in combination with the Japanese publication and the Kato et al. patent, to reject claims 33-34. The Conner patent, however, also fails to suggest closing a mold as claim 36 defines. It follows, therefore, that currently amended claim 36 is patentable. The rest of the claims in this application depend on claim 36 and are patentable as well.

This application is now in condition for allowance for reasons discussed above. Should the Examiner have any questions after consideration of this Reply, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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